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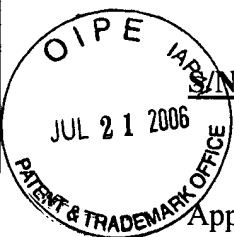
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This Reply is presented in response to the Examiner's Answer, dated May 18, 2006, which was sent in answer to Appellant's Brief on Appeal, filed on September 26, 2005. Appellant's Brief on Appeal was filed in response to the rejection of claims 1-11, 13-16 and 18-20 of the above-identified application.

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REPLY

The Examiner's Answer Brief, ("Answer") dated May 18, 2006, includes substantially identical grounds for rejection as the last Final Office Action. Appellant respectfully maintains that the Appeal Brief, and previous Reply filed January 18, 2006, which are hereby incorporated by reference and reasserted in response, overcome these grounds of rejections. As such, this Reply Brief includes additional comments in reply to the "Response to Argument" section beginning on page 8 of the Answer.

Claims 1-11, 13-16, and 18-20

Page 8 of the Answer purports to identify the crux of Applicant's argument by quoting language from the brief that basically describes some context for the claims. This language helps set the stage for the clear distinctions based on claim language that follow. Thus, it is not the crux of Applicant's argument.

Page 9 of the Answer indicates that arguments about order are moot in view of the current claims. Applicant submits that it is quite clear in the claims that frames are first received, and then analyzed, whereas Henrikson first selects trigger events as described in the Answer on page 9, and then identifies packets. In claim 1, the preamble describes analyzing frames. One element selects a frame, and the other elements, as described in the preamble, are involved in the analysis of the frame for function code formats and values for fields for the function code formats. Each of the independent claims recite this order of events, with claims 10 and 21 further reciting a receive module that compares records in the frame (already received in the receive queue) to provide user viewable interpretation of the frame. This is clearly an order different from Henrikson.

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Conclusion

The pending claims subject to this Reply are believed patentable. Appellant respectfully submits the claims are in condition for allowance and requests the Board issue an order to withdraw the rejections of claims 1-11, 13-16 and 18-20.

Respectfully Submitted,

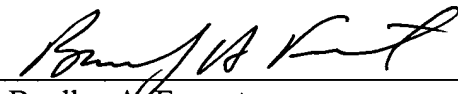
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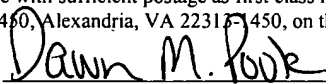
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